



HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The following is meant to provide clarification about the requirements for a child to receive the sacraments at our parish. This policy applies to all children who are enrolled in our Parish School of Religion and who are preparing for the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Any child who comes to the parish asking to receive a sacrament must attend one full year of our PSR program prior to the year in which they are to receive their sacrament(s). In other words, a child must faithfully attend the 1st-grade classes before he/she will be permitted to receive as a 2nd-grader the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Likewise, a child wishing to receive Confirmation in the 8th grade must first have faithfully attended the 7th-grade classes the prior year.

In addition, all children preparing to receive the sacrament(s) are required to attend and participate in a specific retreat for each particular grade. These retreats are determined either by the Diocese or the parish and will be communicated to the students as to when and where they are offered.

The following guidelines define what it means to “faithfully attend” the PSR classes.

NUMBER OF ACCEPTABLE ABSENCES

Grades 1 & 7: Students are allowed 3 absences with only 1 of these being unexcused.

Grades 2 & 8: Students are allowed 1 absence **but** none of them can be unexcused.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

1. In order for an absence to be considered excused, there must be prior notification of the absence.
2. An excused absence can be granted for the following:
 - a. student illness
 - b. death of a family member
 - c. celebration of the following for a family member or friend:
 - Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, or funeral
3. Students will be required to complete the material that was covered during their absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

An unexcused absence occurs when the student does not show up for class without prior notification.

Thank you for taking seriously the religious education and formation of your child. This is the greatest investment of time and energy that you can make into your child’s future because this affects not just their life here on earth but eternity. The only thing that truly belongs to each of us is our soul. At death, each of us will bring it, dirty or clean, before our Heavenly Father. So please make whatever sacrifice is needed to be sure your child knows and lives the Catholic Faith. Know that your personal witness in living the Catholic Faith is extremely important for your children to do the same.

Thank you!